

TRIBUTE TO MOM'S HOUSE IN
JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 9, 1998

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to be able to take this opportunity before my Colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to a very special organization in the district I represent. Mom's House, located in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, is celebrating its 15th anniversary. I'd like to tell you about this extraordinary organization, founded by an exceptional person who is a longtime friend as well, Peg Luksik.

Mom's House was founded in 1983 to offer young women with unplanned pregnancies an alternative to abortion and welfare. The program was the first of its kind in the nation and has served as a national model of private and public sector cooperation in assisting young, single parents.

It is a non-denominational, non-profit, licensed day care center that provides quality care and educational programs to preschool children as well as supportive services to their parents, allowing them to complete their education.

The way the program works is the parents sign a contract to be full-time students, keep up their grades, attend parenting classes and volunteer three hours a week at the center.

In addition, the Mom's House Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 1987 to help single parents pay for the increasing costs of tuition while pursuing their education. Two scholarship awards were given in the first year of the program, and twelve awards were given in 1998.

The program has since expanded to other locations in Pennsylvania as well as three other states, with the Johnstown facility serving as the national headquarters.

Staffing needs are met through cooperation with community agencies such as the Foster Grandparent Program, Retired Senior Volunteers, United Way and local colleges, universities and churches. In May of 1992, Mom's House was awarded the 768th "Daily Point of Light" by President George Bush for its "generosity and willingness to serve others."

To date, Mom's House has helped over 2,500 single parents and cared for their children, enabling these families to have a brighter and happier future.

This is the kind of caring, community-based effort that our country needs many more of. I applaud all the people at Mom's House and congratulate them on 15 years of outstanding community service and thank them for the priceless gift they give to these families.

CODIFICATION OF RECENT LAWS
TO BE INCLUDED IN TITLE 36,
UNITED STATES CODE, PATRI-
OTIC AND NATIONAL OBSERV-
ANCES, CEREMONIES, AND ORGA-
NIZATIONS

HON. HENRY J. HYDE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing a bill to codify in title 36, United States

Code, recent laws related to patriotic and national observances, ceremonies, and organizations not included in title 36 and to make other technical and conforming amendments to the Code. This bill was prepared by the Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House of Representatives under its statutory mandate (2 U.S.C. 285b) to prepare and submit periodically revisions of positive law titles of the code to keep those titles current.

This bill makes no change in the substance of existing law.

Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of the bill and a section-by-section summary—containing reviser's notes—of the bill should contact John R. Miller, Law Revision Counsel, U.S. House of Representatives, H2-304 Ford House Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20515-6711. The telephone number is (202) 226-2411.

HONORING MR. OSCAR D. CANAS
FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY COMMU-
NITY

HON. ANNE M. NORTHUP

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. NORTHUP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with respect and admiration for a man of great fortitude and commitment to his community. As a resident of Louisville, Kentucky, Oscar Canas has blessed the city and the surrounding area with his good will and determination to provide health services to those who need it most—those who are unable to afford health services. Oscar has made the Family Health Centers in Louisville, and the 40,000 patients which have been served, his second family.

Starting from humble beginnings, Oscar and his wife Hilda came to the United States in 1962 shortly after Cuba was consumed by Castro and his militants. Leaving their country with no money and only the clothes on their backs, Mr. Canas and his wife came to Louisville to make a new home—and we are so glad that they did. Five years later, Oscar and his wife became proud citizens of the United States. At the same time he was trying to master the English language, Oscar Canas attended school and held full time employment. In 1972 he received a Master's Degree from the University of Louisville and four years later established the Family Health Centers, a network of community health centers to meet the needs of the underserved.

Family Health Centers has five locations to meet the needs of residents in Louisville. I believe Oscar's hard work and dedication to providing health care to underserved is a constant reminder to the local community and to Congress that these services are truly essential. Since I have come to know him, Mr. Canas has been forthright with his concerns about health care policy and he has been an asset to me in providing pertinent local information relevant to federal decision-making. I consider him a colleague and a friend.

Louisville is sad to see a member of our community move away, and I share the sorrow as Oscar make plans for retirement. Always thinking of family, Oscar is leaving his Family Health Centers family to be with his own in Florida. While he may not stay in Lou-

isville forever, his legacy will. I wish him the very best and hope he will always think of Louisville as his home.

TRIBUTE TO K&L ENTERPRISES,
INC.

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, there is a unique restaurant story in my 1st Congressional District of Michigan. At the heart of the story is the great American fast food, the hamburger. What makes this story unique, however, are the side orders and the condiments: family and faith, enterprise and a determination to overcome economic adversity, the rewards of hard work, and a 30-year history of partnership and cooperation that have made friendships firm and fast.

Now that's a meal we'd like to serve up billions of times all over the world.

On Saturday, Sept. 12, K&L Enterprises Inc. celebrates this special combo with a gala gathering in Marquette. The guests will have an opportunity to study the menu for success that has spawned eight Hardee's Restaurants and 14 Subway Restaurants in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and northern Wisconsin.

These businesses generate a total annual payroll of \$3.5 million and provide work for 500 employees, 50 of them full time.

The K of K&L is Harry Krebs, who 30 years ago sold his car and, as he says, whatever else he could sell that made sense, to get the funds to buy his first Burger Chef in Escanaba.

The L of K&L is Bill LaVallie, who drove up from Milwaukee, Wis., to see how his sister and her husband Harry were doing with their business.

"It was crazy from the start," Bill recalls. "They were working 15 hours a day, seven days a week, not worrying about inventory, just pumping out those burgers."

When Harry told Bill there was an opportunity to open a Burger Chef in Marquette, Bill didn't hesitate. Despite a snowstorm that seemed to continue from December 1968 through the 1st of March, 1969, the Marquette restaurant continued in business, and the partnership of Krebs and LaVallie was born.

Bill's brother Terry was in charge of the opening of the Ironwood Burger Chef in 1975, working his way toward ownership and a role as part of the corporate triumvirate.

The company weathered the sometimes painful but ultimately positive conversion of Burger Chef Systems to Hardee's Food Systems. With the inclusion of the Subway franchise, the company's growth in 1989 was a remarkable five new restaurants.

Mr. Speaker, the story of K&L is mirrored across the nation in the growth of food franchises. What is remarkable is the way these partners and extended family members have expressed their esteem for one another and their appreciation for their success.

Listen to the partners on the occasion of their 25th anniversary.

"Uncle Harry" Krebs says, "The Lord gave Sandy and I this business—we thank Him for that and for the trust and confidence in K&L."

"Burger Bill" LaVallie says, "I have partners whose honesty, integrity and dedication has never been questioned."